

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

1. Please amend the 20<sup>th</sup> paragraph as follows:

[0020] Fig. 11 is a perspective view of the digging tool and ~~hatched~~ hatchet in the fully open position;

2. Please amend the 39<sup>th</sup> paragraph as follows:

[0039] A body 12 of the multi-tool device 10 is illustrated in the non-use, closed, position in Figs. 1 and 2. The body 12 has an arced end 16 and a flat end 14 in the illustrated embodiments herein, however, it should be noted that ~~that~~ although the drawings illustrate one end arced and the other flat; both ends can be either arced or flat.

3. Please amend the 42<sup>nd</sup> through 45<sup>th</sup> paragraphs as follows:

[0042] At the flat end 14 of the body 12, opposing the digging tool 30, is a flashlight 50 having a rotatable head 54. A power source 52 is recessed into the body 12 of the device 10 with the rotatable head 54 extending beyond the periphery of the body 12. The flashlight 50 can be recessed into any portion of the body 12 convenient for manufacture, an example of which is illustrated in Fig. 12, as long as the head 54 is free to rotate and there is no interference between the flashlight 50 and any other tool. Also shown, and described below, are a saw locking button 112, pins (rivets) 20, pin end 44, rotational pin ~~[[74]]~~ 24 and locking buttons 76 and 78.

[0043] The flashlight 50 should be recessed from the edge of the tool to prevent the lens from accidentally breaking from impact to the end of the device. Additionally, it is preferred that the lens be a hardened plastic and the bulb one or more LEDs. Dual LEDs, such as one red and one white, can provide some advantages in some end uses as known in the art. In embodiments used for camping or hiking, it is preferable that at least one LED will flash. In some embodiments, the flashlight and LED can ~~having blinking, or flashing, capabilities~~ have blinking or flashing capabilities to enable the flashlight to act as a location strobe or signal a SOS, or rotating lenses to change the color of the light. A bulb/lens combination provides the strength and long life that would be most beneficial to the user. The lens of the flashlight is preferably removable, including the bulb, for easy replacement. A whistle (not shown) can be incorporated into the back of the flashlight or recessed into another area of the device.

[0044] The preferred placement of the flashlight is at the opposing end of the body 12 to the digging tool 30. In this way, the digging tool 30 avoids conflict with any of the other tools and can be fully extended and stuck into the ground, thereby permitting the flashlight head 54 to be rotated to focus upon a desired area. The digging tool 30 can also be used as ~~a defense against animals, to cook food, spear fish~~ for defense against animals, cooking food, spearing fish, or other similar uses.

[0045] In this embodiment[[.]], a compass 218 is provided along one of the sides, although the preferred placement for structural integrity, especially when also providing a recessed area, is along the back or front. Ideally, the compass 218, when relying on outside

illumination, is placed slightly spaced from the light, thereby enabling the light from the flashlight 50 to be reflected down to view the compass. The compass 218, either glow in the dark, standard, or with its own battery powered light, can be surrounded by an etchable plate for personalizing the device if desired. Also, the compass 218 can be hinged to permit the inclusion of another device, such as a mirror, atmosphere gauge, etc., to be recessed under the compass 218. Further, compass 218 can be a removable lid covering a storage compartment, thereby permitting the compass to be used separate from the tool.

4. Please amend the 46<sup>th</sup> paragraph as follows.

[0046] Other items can also be incorporated either on the surface, or recessed within the body, such as a thermometer, flint and striking bar, pressure gauge, fluorescent light, digital clock with alarm, etc. It should be noted that ~~When~~ when the device incorporates magnetic materials, the compass will be affected and must therefore be removable from the body for accurate reading.

5. Please amend the 54<sup>th</sup> paragraph as follows:

[0054] As shown in Fig. 3, the length of the digging tool 30 blade 32 is slightly greater than that of the hatchet 70 to enable the digging tool 30 to serve as a means for rotating the hatchet 70 from its recessed position within the body 12. If, for some reason, the blade 32 is shorter than, or equal to, the hatchet 70, other means for opening the hatchet 70 must be provided. Because of the interaction between the digging tool body 42 and the hatchet 70,

the digging tool blade 32 can only be rotated 90 degrees from parallel to the body 12 without the hatchet 70 being released, enabling rotation around the rotational pin 74. Since, to avoid ~~inadvertent~~ inadvertent rotation in either the closed or the open position, the hatchet 70 has locking buttons 76 and 78, the appropriate locking button 76 or 78 must be released prior to any movement.

6. Please amend the 59<sup>th</sup> paragraph as follows:

[0059] The locking buttons 76 and 78, as illustrated herein in detail in Fig. 8, consist of two parts; the plunger 84 and the plunger head 90. A channel 80 is drilled into at least one side of the hatchet 70 slightly less than one half of the depth. A spring 82 is placed into the channel 80 with the ~~locking pin body~~, plunger 84[[, placed next]]. Preferably, the spring 82 is a cone spring, or other spring that will compress tightly while providing sufficient resistance to the plunger 84.

7. Please amend the 61<sup>st</sup> paragraph as follows:

[0061] The plunger head 90 fits through a predrilled receiving hole 93 in the body 12 dimensioned to permit the button head 96 to be pressed inward ~~to contact end 91 with to~~ make the end 91 contact with the end 85 of the plunger 84. The plunger head 90 is prevented from falling through the receiving hole 93 by a retaining pin 92 which bisects the locking pin body 94 and is placed on the opposing side of the body 12. The end 91 of the locking pin body 94 is rounded, corresponding to the rounded end 85 of the plunger 84.

8. Please amend the 63<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> paragraphs as follows:

[0063] To open the hatchet 70, locking button 76 is activated by pressing plunger head 90 inward forcing plunger 84 to compress the spring 82, causing the rounded end 85 of plunger 84 to back out of locking hole 95. At this point, the hatchet 70 is free to rotate until the compressed ~~locking pin body~~ plunger 84 is brought into proximity with another locking hole 95 in support frame 18 corresponding to and aligned with locking button 78.

[0064] When hatchet 70 is rotated 90 degrees, compressed ~~locking pin body~~ plunger 84 is brought into proximity with another locking hole 95 in support frame 18 corresponding to and aligned with locking button 78. At this time, spring 82 forces compressed ~~locking pin body~~ plunger 84 into the locking hole 95 in support frame 18 aligned with locking button 78, locking the hatchet 70 in the 90 degree rotated position as shown in Fig. 11.

9. Please amend the 66<sup>th</sup> paragraph as follows:

[0066] In Fig. 7, the arced end 16 of the body 12 is cutaway to expose the structural frame 18 which has an ~~curved section~~ opening 21, and in this embodiment, a cut out in the curved section to form a nail remover 22.

10. Please amend the 70<sup>th</sup> through 71<sup>st</sup> paragraphs as follows:

[0070] To prevent the hatchet 70 from over rotating, stops 178 are provided on either side of the hammerhead 72 which interact with the structural support frame 18. As seen in Fig.

18, the stops 178 have a width greater than the width of the ~~structural frame 18 opening 21~~ opening 21 of the structural frame 18. Thus, once rotated, in addition to the locking button 78 disclosed heretofore, the stops 178 serve to prevent over rotation. In order to prevent movement of the hatchet 70, the locking button 78 should be positioned to lock as the stops 178 come in contact with the structural support frame 18.

[0071] The hatchet 70 has an arced blade 71 extending from one side of the hatchet body 74 ~~and to~~ a hammerhead 72 at the opposing side. The blade 71, as seen in Fig. 4, is arced to prevent the hatchet 70, when in the closed position, from conflicting with the holding pins 20 used to maintain the structural frame 18 within the body 12.

11. Please amend the 72<sup>nd</sup> paragraph as follows:

[0072] The device 10 also includes a pocketknife 190, illustrated in Fig. 15, that is recessed in the flat end 14. The pocketknife can be a standard multi-blade knife or any specialized knife, including a specifically designed removable knife for use with the disclosed invention. In some embodiments to eliminate the bulk of ~~the normal, or custom, pocketknife body, the knife 190 is part of the body 12 construction~~ the normal or custom pocketknife body, the knife 190 is constructed as a part of the body 12. In these embodiments, the body 12 would be designed with a channel in which the blade(s) would be retained, the knife blade 192 would then rotate around pivot pin 194, which would extend through the body 12. In order to avoid conflict with other devices, the ~~knife 10~~ knife 190 is recessed within the body 12 on the opposite corner edge from the flashlight 50, as shown in

Fig. 12.

12. Please amend the 82<sup>nd</sup> paragraph as follows:

[0082] As the saw and the knife are proximate to one another, a single, either stationary or removable, unit can be designed to hold both the saw and the knife. This is illustrated in Fig. 19, wherein a W shaped metal frame 222 is used to retain a saw 210 and a knife 224. The metal frame 222 is maintained within the body 12 through the use of pins 226 which are designed to not interfere with the knife 224 and saw 210. The saw 210 rotates on pivot 228 and the knife rotates on pivot 230, both of which are secured to the metal frame 222. In one embodiment, the pins 226 are permanently secured to the ~~body 220~~ body 12, while in another embodiment the pins 226 are replaced with screws or other securing device or method, such as the plunger disclosed heretofore, to enable the unit to be removed. This enables the user to have various units that can be interchangeably placed into the same body.

13. Please amend the 91<sup>st</sup> paragraph as follows:

[0091] Preferably, a case is provided for the device 10 which, in addition to the pocket for the ~~abovedisclosed~~ disclosed device, has additional storage for items like a leatherman, etc.. As illustrated in Figs. 27 and 28, a case 500, which is practical for hiking, camping, etc., includes an elongated body 502 preferably having one or more compartments (pockets) 504 to hold smaller tools, money, etc. The compartments 504 can either be open, or secured through any means known in the art such as zipper, Velcro®, snaps, button, etc.